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## Hewlett's Creek Update

Repairs are now being completed to a waste water line break that occurred earlier today. Repairs are expected to be completed by nightfall.

About 6 a.m., the city was notified of the break, which occurred near Hewlett's Creek pumping station #34, located at 5915 Pine Grove Drive. The line pumps waste water from homes in the Greenville Loop area to the Southside Waste Water Treatment Plant. City officials estimate that approximately 1 million gallons of waste water discharged into the Hewlett's Creek Tributary.

There is no threat to drinking water and waste water services have not been interrupted. However, as a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not fish or swim in the Hewlett's Creek area until further testing can be done.

This weekend, city staff will work with state officials to conduct testing at multiple locations to determine the impact of the discharge into the tributary.

The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and the New Hanover County Health Department have been notified. For more information, contact Public Utilities Director Hugh Caldwell at 341-7805 or Ken Vogt, waste water treatment superintendent, at 341-7890.

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For more information, contact Public Information Officer Malissa Talbert at 342-2736 or 470-8720.

*Note: House Bill 1160, which the North Carolina General Assembly enacted in July 1999, requires that municipalities, animal operations, industries and others who operate waste handling systems issue news releases when a waste spill of 1,000 gallons or more reaches surface waters.*

*In accordance with that regulation, this news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected area.*